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SUBJ: REVIEW GOG PARTICIPATION IN CCMS PROJECTS

1. US CCMS COORDINATOR AND EMBOFFS CALLED ON NUMBER OF GOG OFFICIALS IN MINISTRY OF COORDINATION (SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY ADMINISTRATION - SRTA AND THE SECRETARIAT FOR PHYSICAL PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT - SPPE), NATIONAL ENERGY COUNCIL, PUBLIC POWER CORPORATION, AND THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL WELFARE (SCHOOL OF HYGIENE) TO DISCUSS GREEK PARTICIPATION IN ONGOING CCMS PILOT STUDIES AND ELICIT HOST GOVERNMENT VIEWS ON AREAS OF INTEREST FOR POSSIBLE NEW PROJECTS.

2. IN GENERAL, CONTACTS WERE QUITE PLEASED WITH CCMS PILOT STUDIES IN WHICH THEY TAKE PART, WITH SEVERAL STRESSING THE PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE TO GREECE OF DIRECTLY APPLICABLE TECHNICAL INFORMATION DERIVED FROM THE PROJECTS. MOST CONTACTS INDICATED GOG HAD DECIDED TO TAKE A MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN CCMS AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF PILOT STUDIES AS ONE MEANS OF ACHIEVING NATIONAL SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES. ONE SOURCE CHARACTERIZED CCMS
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PROJECTS AS ONE OF THE TWO MOST VALUABLE INTERNATIONAL SOURCES OF TECHNICAL STUDIES FOR GREECE. IN ADDITION, THERE WERE EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST IN HAVING MORE CCMS PROJECTS IN WHICH GREECE COULD MAKE AN EQUALLY USEFUL CONTRIBUTION TO OTHER PARTICIPATNS. MENTIONED IN THE LATTER CONTEXT WERE PROJECT IDEAS ON PRESERVATION OF ANTIQUITIES AND ENVIRONMENTALLY ACCEPTABLE AGRICULTURAL

PRACTICES.

3. THE NEW SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY ADMINISTRATION (SRTA) WITHIN THE MINISTRY OF COORDINATION IS IN THE MIDDLE OF A PROCESS OF SORTING OUT NATIONAL R & D PRIORTIES. QUESTIONNAIRES WERE WIDELY CIRUCULATED EARLIER THIS YEAR, SOLICITING COMMENTS ON NEEDS AND PROPOSED AREAS FOR WORK. APPROXIMATELY 1500 PROJECTS HAVE BEEN SUGGESTED AND ARE BEING SCREENED. BY OCTOBER, SRTA HOPES TO HAVE DEVELOPED A SET OF PRIORTIES FOR FUNDING IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT ITS RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUPPORTING RESEARCH PROJECTS IN INDUSTRY, GOVERNMENT INSTITUTES, AND BY INDIVIDUALS. SRTA OFFICIALS BELIEVE FUNDS FOR SUCH RESEARCH WILL BE INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY DURING THE COMING YEAR (FROM \$1-3 MILLION TO \$3-6 MILLION, DEPENDING ON WHAT GOVERNMENT RESEARCH IS INCLUDED). SRTA ALSO HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. SRTA LEADERSHIP INDICATED THIS YEAR IS CRUCIAL TO DEMONSTRATING VIABILITY OF ITS APPROACH TO ENHANCING THE ROLE OF R & D IN GOG POLICY AND PROGRAM DECISION MAKING. HENCE MUCH IMPORTANCE IS GIVEN TO ANTICIPATED COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH NSF AND INDICATIONS ARE THAT OTHER MECHANISMS FOR INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

4. ALTHOUGH NO OFFICIAL PRIORITIES WILL BE ESTABLISHED
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UNTIL COMPLETION OF THE REVIEW INDICATED ABOVE, EMBOFF WAS PROVIDED WITH AN INFORMAL PRELIMINARY LIST OF PRIORITY R & D AREAS: (A) PUBLIC HEALTH, (B) LAND USE, (C) MINERAL EXPLORATION, (D) ENERGY (MAINLY SOLAR), (E) AGRICULTURE, AND (F) INDUSTRIAL INNOVATION.

5. SPECIFIC POTENTIAL INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS IN WHICH GOG WOULD BE INTERESTED THAT WERE MENTIONED BY VARIOUS CONTACTS WERE: COOLING WITH SOLAR ENERGY, REVITALIZATION OF CCMS REMOTE SENSING PROJECT, WASTE DISPOASAL, ESTUARY PROTECTION, URBAN PLANNING, AND USE OF LIGNITE AND PEAT. US OFFICIALS WERE TOLD GREECE EXPECTS TO TAKE AN ACTIVE PART IN TWO NEW CCMS PILOT STUDIES: EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND SEISMOLOGY (EARTHQUAKE PREDICTION AND LOSS REDUCTION). DILLON

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